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REMARKS

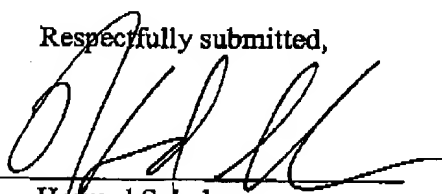
Applicant replies to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005 within the three month statutory period for response. Claims 1-36 were pending in the application. The Examiner allows claims 1-29 and 32-36 and rejects claims 30-31.

The Examiner suggests some corrections to claim 20. To expedite prosecution, Applicant amends claim 20 as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner next rejects claims 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kambayashi (U.S. Patent Number 6,163,799). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels claims 30-31 without prejudice or disclaimer to filing one or more applications having similar claims.

In view of the above remarks and amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicant regards as its invention and are allowable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,


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